

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 53 – HB 496

February 14, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Exempts various military health professionals licensed in another state from licensure and certification requirements in Tennessee while participating in an Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Civil-Military partnership program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004270): Deletes all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is exempting any military health professional licensed to practice in another state, as opposed to various military health professionals, from licensure and certification requirements in Tennessee while participating in an IRT Civil-Military partnership program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) website (irt.defense.gov), the IRT partnership program is a military training opportunity for active-duty, guard and reserve service members to increase their deployment readiness.
- Through an IRT partnership, military service members are able to meet annual training requirements that enhance military training and readiness by providing health and civic services to communities who request assistance.
- The proposed legislation would exempt military health professionals licensed in another state from licensure and certification requirements in Tennessee such that they could practice in health related fields while participating in an IRT partnership in this state.
- There have been no known IRT partnerships in Tennessee in the past three years.

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on licensure fees; therefore, any fiscal impact to the health related boards (HRBs) or the DOH is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact on the number of future IRT partnerships in Tennessee as a result of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all HRBs are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The HRBs had an annual surplus of \$3,609,723 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$3,621,024 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,646,763 on June 30, 2018.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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